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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community Member:

Wow – what an amazing month December was! It began with the holiday tree lighting – with a different twist. After realizing the high cost of repairing the lights in the large cedar and our mission to be fiscally prudent in these economic times, we decided to start a new tradition with a new tree near to the Depot. Well, the change did not discourage you all as the crowd of a thousand came to celebrate. We were very excited to have the Depot, the new path and outlook ready in time for the event too. I want to thank all the organizations who made it happen, from the carolers to the Rotary holiday heifer.

The novelty of a white Christmas dissolved faster than the snow when it came ten days prior! Even though we were caught off guard and didn't quite get all our holiday shopping done, it was really neat to see kids of all ages take advantage of the record snow on our hills. I was pleased to encounter many folks in Historic Duvall happily making their errands by foot, snowshoe, and sled. The miracle of it all is that we did not have any major accidents or extensive loss of power, and on behalf of the City staff we are grateful for everyone's patience. We are also very grateful for those of you who took time to personally thank the City staff for all of their hard work.

One of the challenges with dealing with this much snow for such an extensive period of time is that lessons from past storms didn't apply to this storm. This was an extremely challenging event that overwhelmed the entire Puget Sound region. Moving forward we are evaluating what worked, what didn't work, and what we can do to improve. I'll keep you informed of our findings and updates to our snow and ice removal policy through the website and next month's newsletter. As always we appreciate your feedback and suggestions.

My apologies for my absence at my December 20th "coffee hour with the mayor" at Starbucks. I will be there Saturday, January 17th 9:00 – 10:30a.m.

It's not too late to comment on the new Park Plan and Park Impact Fees. The City Council is having public hearings through January, and they want to hear from you with your comments.

I hope you had a happy and safe holiday with your friends and family.

Sincerely,

Will Ibershof



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

In the winter of 2006, our community suffered through floods, snow and a huge windstorm. An extended power outage followed the windstorm that resulted in huge losses for local businesses. In an effort to bring the community together and help the local businesses, Connie Berg, a resident of Duvall, suggested having a week of Random Acts of Kindness. Mayor Ibershof supported the idea and made a proclamation to have a Random Acts of Kindness Week in Duvall.

Currently, many communities are suffering due to difficult economic times. This year, Duvall will be joined by Carnation, Monroe and Woodinville in the effort to spread a little kindness. Random Acts of Kindness will be celebrated the week of January 18th – January 24th, the week of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Random acts of kindness are simple to do. Make a conscious effort to go out of your way to do something nice for someone. Here are a few suggestions.

- Open a door for someone you don't know
- Buy a latte for the person behind you in line
- Send a card to someone you care about
- Make cookies for your neighbor
- Have a candlelight dinner together as a family
- Surprise someone with balloons, flowers or donuts
- Take the time to say thank you
- Visit an elderly loved one
- Say hello or smile to someone you would usually walk past
- Offer to watch a tired mom's kids for an hour
- Tell a business owner, a teacher you appreciate them



It doesn't really matter what you do during Random Acts of Kindness Week. What's important is that you take the time and make the effort to do something. It could seem small and insignificant to you but it could truly be life changing for someone who just needs to hear a kind word.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK JANUARY 18th - 24th 2009



WILLOW RIDGE: FIRST GEOTHERMAL SINGLE FAMILY SUBDIVISION IN WASHINGTON

The City of Duvall is the site of the ultimate in green living. **Willow Ridge**, a subdivision of single-family, new construction homes, is the first of its price range located in an urban area. Roberts-Waudé, LLC., the builder and developer of this innovative plat, demonstrates that the building industry can bring energy ingenuity and independence from fossil fuels to 'regular' housing.



Willow Ridge is in the northeastern portion of downtown Duvall. The geothermal aspect of the homes is a tremendous plus in an economy that has seen uncertain prices in fossil fuel supplies. The homes' source of energy for heating and cooling comes from the earth. It is that simple. Gas is still included in homes for cooking, and for heating water, although many homes also include on-demand tankless water heaters.

Roberts-Waudé, LLC. has integrated the Built Green® program into the homes by installing the Hydron Manufacturing Geothermal Heating unit. The concept is simple: each home has a well dug adjacent to each house, down to a depth of 300 feet. A long pipe is run down to the bottom of the well and back up again, creating a heat exchange with the earth, which has a temperature of 54 degrees, year-round, at depths below six feet. The liquid in the pipe transfers the warm (or cold) air to the heating unit, which circulates it through the house via a conventional ducted forced air system. The system can heat your house to 82 degrees in the winter and cool it to 54 degrees in the summer, year in and year out for the minor cost of running an electrical fan. Once installed, the heat-exchange units have a life expectancy of 50-plus years.

One of the main benefits of the homes is increased resale value for the home. The cost of heating geothermally will remain almost flat over time, while the price of fuel for conventional heating systems is only expected to go up. It has been estimated that the geothermal system will pay for itself in four to five years. After that, the homeowner's costs are simple, the cost of running the fan, and periodic maintenance on filters.

CITY OF DUVALL PLANNING COMMISSION OPENING

Are you interested in serving your community? Are you interested in helping chart the future of the city?

If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, please consider filling out an application for the Planning Commission.

The Duvall Planning Commission is made up of 7 members appointed by the Mayor. Responsibilities include working with staff to prepare policy documents, review draft work products from staff and special committees, and make recommendations on policies to the City Council. This year, those policies will include updating the Sign Code, Design Standards, and other zoning code amendments. The Planning Commission also reviews many commercial, mixed-use and multi-family land use applications for consistency with City regulations.

Planning Commission terms are 4-year terms. The Planning Commission meets on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the Rose Room of the Duvall Library.

Planning Commissioners are required to be residents of the city, live within the Duvall Urban Growth Area, or be owners of a business located in Duvall. Primary consideration will be give to applications submitted by Friday, January 30 by 4:30p.m. For more information, please contact Lara Thomas at (425) 788-2779 or email her at lara.thomas@duvallwa.gov.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 8 & 22: City Council Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station.

January 15: Planning Commission Meetings - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.

January 19th: City offices will be closed due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

